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1. AMB. HOVEYDA (IRAN) AND AMB. ABDEL MAGUID (EGYPT) ASKED FOR MEETING WITH AMB. MARTIN NOV. 4 TO PROVIDE US DEL WITH LATEST VERSION OF DRAFT RES ON MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (MENFZ) AND TO ELICIT US VIEWS. THEY INDICATED THAT EARLIER DRAFT RES COORDINATED BETWEEN EGYPT AND IRAN (REFTEL C) HAD BEEN REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND THAT PROCEDURAL APPROACH CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL RES WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SOME OF THESE GOVERNMENTS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT AMONG ARAB DELS CONSULTED THAT RES SHOULD TAKE STRONG SUBSTANTIVE POSITION ON MENFZ IDEA AND, IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD TAKE FIRM STAND ON NPT ADHERENCE. HOVEYDA AND MEGUID NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF REVISED RES HAD ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS AND THAT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US VIEWS ON THESE ALTERNATIVES.
(TEXT PROVIDED BELOW).

2. MEGUID ASKED MARTIN WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT SECOND OP PARA CALLING ON STATES IN REGION TO REFRAIN FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR
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WEAPONS AND CARRYING OUT NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS. MARTIN SAID

THAT, WHILE PARA FOCUSED ON WHAT SEEMED TO BE WORTHY OBJECTIVES OF MENFZ INITIATIVE, HE WONDERED WHETHER IT WAS APPROPRIATE AT OUTSET TO ASK REGIONAL STATES TO ASSUME SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE MATTER WAS CONSIDERED FURTHER AND BEFORE OBLIGATIONS PROVED ACCEPTABLE TO IMPORTANT STATES IN REGION. MEGUID RESPONDED THAT THESE ACTIONS WERE NOT INTENDED TO PREJUDGE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE ARRANGEMENT, BUT WERE NECESSARY AS TEMPORARY MEASURES TO MAKE SURE POSSIBILITY OF ZONE IS NOT FORECLOSED BY ANY ACTIONS.

3. MEGUID ASKED MARTIN'S VIEWS ON PARA THREE CALLING ON "IMMEDIATE ACCESSION" TO NPT AS "ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP" FOR REALIZATION OF MENFZ IDEA. MARTIN REPLIED THAT, WHILE US CERTAINLY FULLY SUPPORTS NPT AND ADHERENCE TO IT BY ALL STATES IN REGION, HE PERSONALLY HAD DOUBTS THAT MAKING NPT ADHERENCE BY KEY STATES IN REGION AN "ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP" WOULD SERVE OBJECTIVES OF MENFZ CO-SPONSORS. HE POINTED OUT THAT, IF ALL STATES IN REGION WERE WILLING TO JOIN NPT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE NEED FOR MENFZ. REALITY WAS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS NOT LIKELY, AND THAT IT THEREFORE SEEMED ADVISABLE TO PROCEED WITH MEASURES COMPLEMENTARY TO NPT, RATHER THAN TO REQUIRE NPT ADHERENCE AS PREREQUISITE. MEGUID SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT THIS WAS IMPORTANT POINT FOR EGYPT. HE SAID ISRAEL MUST SHOW GOOD FAITH BY RATIFYING NPT IN ORDER FOR MENFZ PROPOSAL TO SUCCEED. MARTIN SUGGESTED THAT THE UNGA MIGHT INSTEAD INVITE ALL STATES IN REGION TO ADHERE TO NPT.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA FOUR ON ACTIONS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, MARTIN NOTED THAT ALTERNATIVE B OUTLINED OBLIGATIONS WHICH US, AS NPT PARTY, ALREADY ACCEPTS. ALTERNATIVE A, ON OTHER HAND, CALLED ON NUCLEAR POWERS TO AGREE TO CERTAIN ACTIONS BEFORE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS AND OTHER FEATURES OF ZONE HAD EVEN BEEN ESTABLISHED IN PRELIMINARY SENSE. NOTING ALSO TREATMENT OF TRANSIT ISSUE AND FACT THAT US HAS ONLY UNDERTAKEN NON-USE PLEDGE WITH RESPECT TO PARTIES TO LATIN AMERICAN ZONE, MARTIN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US COULD NOT ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE A.

5. ASKED WHY PARA SIX OF PREVIOUS DRAFT (WHICH MADE PROVISION

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FOR PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS AMONG REGIONAL STATES) HAD BEEN DROPPED FROM RESOLUTION, MEGUID STATED THAT, OTHER THAN IN CONTEXT OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, ARAB STATES WERE UNWILLING TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL. BECAUSE OF THIS POSITION, HE ADDED, REVISED DRAFT CALLS ON UNSYG TO ASCERTAIN VIEWS OF PARTIES CONCERNED AND TO REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6. THROUGHOUT MEETING HOVEYDA WAS EITHER PASSIVE OR QUITE HELPFUL, EXPLAINING IN SYMPATHETIC MANNER OUR COMMENTS TO MEGUID. COMMENT: HOVEYDA APPEARS CONCERNED THAT ARAB DELS, BY MOVING AWAY FROM MORE PROCEDURAL IRANIAN PROPOSAL AND DIRECTING UNGA APPEALS CLEARLY AT ISRAEL, MAY BE HURTING CHANCES FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AT THIS YEAR'S ASSEMBLY. END COMMENT.

7. MARTIN SAID HE WOULD REPORT REVISED RES AND CO-SPONSORS' COMMENTS TO WASHINGTON AND SEEK US VIEWS.

8. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST,

DESIRING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY BY BOLSTERING AND EXPANDING THE EXISTING REGIONAL AND GLOBAL STRUCTURES FOR PROHIBITION AND/OR PREVENTION OF FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

REALIZING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES WITHIN THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS OF SAFEGUARDS COULD ACCELERATE THE PROCESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL,

RECALLING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES AT ITS 62ND SESSION HELD IN CAIRO FROM 1ST TO 4TH OF SEPTEMBER 1974, ADOPTED IN THIS RESPECT

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RECALLING THE MESSAGE SENT BY HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH OF IRAN ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1974 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST.
(DOCUMENT A/9693)ADD.3)

CONSIDERING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES FREE FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IS ONE OF THE MEASURES WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO HALTING THE PROLIFERATION OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND TO PROMOTING PROGRESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY,

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MINDFUL OF POLITICAL CONDITIONS PARTICULAR TO THE REGION
OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER EMANATING THERE-
FROM, WHICH WOULD BE FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE AREA,

CONSCIOUS, THEREFORE, OF THE NEED TO KEEP THE REGION FROM
BECOMING INVOLVED IN A RUINIOUS NUCLEAR ARMS RACE,

RECALLING THE DECLARATION ON DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA
ISSUED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN JULY 1964,

NOTING THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST AS A
NULCEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE WOULD CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE
REALIZATION OF AIMS ENUNCIATED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DECLARATION
ON DENUCLEARAIZATION OF AFRICA,

RECALLING THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN
AMERICA IN THE ESTABLISHING OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE,

ALSO ECALLING RESOLUTION B OF THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR
WEAPON STATES CONVENED IN GENEVA ON 29 AUGUST 1968, IN WHICH THE
CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED THAT NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES NOT COM-
PRISED IN THE LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, STUDY THE
POSSIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING MILITARY DENUCLEARI-
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ZATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ZONES,

RECALLING THE AIMS PURSUED BY THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE GOAL OF PREVENTING FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS WELL AS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 2373(XXII) IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THE NPT. BY BOTH NUCLEAR-WEAPON AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

1. (ALTERNATIVE A) COMMENDS THE IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE ATTENTION OF STATES/OR STATES CONCERNED, OR

(ALTERNATIVE B) WELCOMES THE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR-WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST, OR

(ALTERNATIVE C) RECOMMENDS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. CALLS UPON PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE REGION

A. TO REFRAIN FROM PRODUCING, OBTAINING OR ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

B. (ALTERNATIVE A) TO REFRAIN FROM CARRYING OUT NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS IN ANY ENVIRONMENT, OR

(ALTERNATIVE B) TO REFRAIN FROM CARRYING OUT NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS IN ANY FORM AND IN ANY ENVIRONMENT

3. CONSIDERS THAT THE IMMEDIATE ACCESSION TO THE TREATY OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS WELL AS TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER IS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE IDEA

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OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. (ALTERNATIVE A) CALLS UPON THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO REFRAIN FROM:

A. INTRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANY COUNTRY IN THE REGION

B. STOCK-PILING NUCLEAR WEAPON IN OR TRANSPORTING SUCH
WEAPONS ACROSS THE TERRITORY OF ANY STATE IN THE REGION

C. THREAT OR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST ANY COUNTRY IN
THE REGION, OR

(ALTERNATIVE B) CALLS UPON THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO
REFRAIN FROM TRANSFERRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE
REGION AND FROM ANY OTHER ACTION CONTRARY TO THE OBLIGATIONS THEY
HAVE ALREADY ASSUMED.

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE
PARTIES CONCERNED WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE INTERNA-
TIONAL AGREEMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 AND ALSO WITH RESPECT TO
FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE IDEA OF A NUCLEAR-
WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO REPORT TO
THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT AN EARLY DATE (OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) AND
SUBSEQUENTLY REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION.

6. DECIDES TO INSCRIBE THE ITEM "CONSIDERATION OF THE REGION OF
THE MIDDLE EAST AS A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS FREE ZONE", IN THE PROVISIONAL
AGENDA OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END
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